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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED 9/10/2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on September 10, 2003. The Notice provided that the amendment document filed on 9/2/03 was non-compliant because canceled claims 1-22 were not presented and claims 23, 29 and 32 did not have the proper status identifiers. Attached herewith is the corrected section Amendment To The Claims. The corrected section is supplied within one month of the date of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and, therefore, is timely filed. If an extension of time is deemed necessary to file this response, Applicants hereby petition for such extension of time as may be necessary.